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Diane Haller, Coordinator Human Services
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Dear Ms. Haller,

As the CSHSE Vice President of Accreditation, I am pleased to inform you that Human Services AAS program at James A. Rhodes State College has been reaccredited by the CSHSE Board at its February board meeting. The Human Services associate in applied science degree program is reaccredited with no conditions from June 2021-June 2026. This accreditation cycle included an approved one-year extension. A site visit will be required for the June 2026 reaccreditation cycle.

The Readers noted many strengths of the Program:

- The Program has been supplying degreed human service professional to Allen County and the surrounding areas for 28 years.
- The Program has been accredited by CSHSE since 1996.
- The program is supported by stable administration, Coordinator for 21 years and the Public Service Chair for 7 years.
- The Human Service Coordinator is active in the statewide Ohio Coalition for Associate Degree Human Service Educators as secretary from 2000-2015 and as president from 2019 to present.
- Human Services graduates meet educational requirements to apply for the Social Work Assistant (SWA) Certificate of Registration through the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board (Ohio CSWMFT)
- Established chapter, Rho Chi, of Tau Upsilon Alpha, the National Human Service Honor Society on RSC campus
- Diverse full-time faculty is supplemented by adjunct faculty with broad backgrounds in human services, social work, psychology, and criminal justice. They are often active in human service agencies within the community.
- Members of the Advisory Committee, which includes several RSC human service graduates, encompass a wide variety of agencies, such as job and family services, juvenile justice center, probation department, domestic violence shelter, school, community-based corrections, and housing.
- The program has articulation agreements/transfer pathways with the two closest 4-year universities, Ohio State-Lima and Bluffton University, and agreements with two online 4-year universities.

Suggestions for developing the next self-study

To improve navigation between the self-study and appendices, separate documented evidence into separate folders (e.g., CV, syllabi, assessments, etc.) and include embedded links to supporting documents in addition to the external links. One long document which included both the self-study and all referenced material at the end of the document without any hyperlinks to move easily to the supporting documents and from the documents back to the self-study narrative was challenging to read.

The next accreditation cycle will include a site visit and must be completed for the June 2026 Board review. **A copy of this letter must be included in your next self-study.**

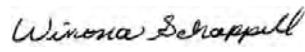
As an accredited program, the Program must regularly review information on the CSHSE website, <https://cshse.org>, for any new changes in policies and standards. Your program must use the standards that are in effect at the time when the application is submitted for the next cycle.

During this accreditation cycle, your accredited program has the responsibility to maintain active CSHSE membership each year of the accreditation cycle for the accreditation status to remain in good standing. Refer to the Member Handbook, Accreditation and Self-Study Guidelines for updated information. Additionally, the accredited program shall ensure that the program representative contact information remains current with CSHSE and ASCENT Management, LLC and is updated as needed.

Please refer to the Board actions for maintaining accreditation in Appendix I of the Member Handbook. Your Program must ensure that program and student achievement indicators on the CSHSE website remain accurate (within 2 years of the current academic year) and the hyperlinks remain active. The CSHSE will review this information at each board meeting, February, June, and October. Contact the CSHSE VPA or ASCENT Management, LLC if a hyperlink must be revised so that our website is current with your program information.

Congratulations on continuing your program accreditation. A formal certificate, signed by our President, Dr. Yvonne Chase, will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,


Winona Schappell, M.Ed.
CSHSE Vice President of Accreditation

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